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PARIS FOR HELMAN

ROME FOR OSRO

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: REPAIR OF ROSSO FERRIES

REF: A. STATE 067620; B. PARIS 08023; C. STATE 075321; B.
NOUAKCHOTT 0656; E. STATE 093103; F. NOUAKCHOTT PUOYV
G. NOUAKCHOTT 0965; H. STATE 118524; I. UN TELEX FROM DABEL
(WHILE IN NIAMEY) TO OSRO, ROME(NOTALJRV J. KCHOTT 0910

1. FAC/M HAS RECONFIRMED ITS INTENT TO CONTRIBUTE TWO
MILLION CFA TOWARDS THE REPAIR OF TWO FRENCH-ORIGIN FERRIES
AT ROSSO. ITS NONTRIBUTION IS DEPENDENT, HOWEVER, ON
HAVING OTHER DONOR PARTICIPATION.

2. HMAFTEL (I), DABEL, WHILE AT NIAMEY, SENT TELEX TO POLLARIS
IN ROME INFDUCTING THAT TWO MILLION CFA BE TRANSFERRED TO
UNDP NOUAKCHOTT TO MATCH FAC CONTRIBUTION.

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3. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOW FOUR MILLION CFA, WHICH IS

APPROX EIGHT MILLION CFA SHORT OF PREVIOUS ESTIMATE AS
DETAILED IN REFTEL (J). OTHER DONORS CANVASED BUT NONE RESPONDED.

4. RE: ROSSO FERRY SITUATION; ON 02 JUNE 75, BRITISH
FERRY WAS OPERATIONAL WHILE TWO FRENCH-ORIGIN FERRIES INOPERABLE
DUE REPAIR WORK BEING PERFORMED ON THEM.

5. PETER MULLERS, OSRO MECHANIC, VISITED THE FERRIES AT
ROSSO AND RETURNED NOUAKCHOTT 03 JUNE 75 WITH HIS ESTIMATE OF
THE SITUATION. THIS IS: QUOTE TO KEEP THE LARGEST OF THE TWO
FRENCH-ORIGIN FERRIES OPERATING FOR AN APPROX PERIOD OF 10-12
MONTHS, ALL THE PARTS REQUESTED, INCLUDING THE TRANSMISSION UNITS
MUST BE ACQUIRED. THIS MEANS, THOUGH, WITH JUST ONE FERRY
OPERATING IT MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE TO CARRY OUT REQUIRED
MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND, THEREFORE, THE SERVICE WOULD HAVE TO
BE CLOSED FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THIS WOULD KZP THE COST DOWN FOR
THE INITIAL OUTLAY OF SPARE PARTS BUT WOULD NOT GUARANTEE A
REGULAR AND EFFICIENT SERVICE WHICH IS DEFINITELY REQUIRED. RETER CHEC
KING WHAT SPARE PARTS WERE ON HAND AT ROSSO FOR THE
FERRIES, I FEEL THAT ALL SPARES REQUESTED ARE WITHOUT ANY
DOUBT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED.
UNQUOTE.

6. CDO AND WFP REP AGREE THAT ANY EFFORTS SHORT OF REPAIRING
MOTORS AND HULLS ON BOTH REPEAT BOTH FRENCH-ORIGIN FERRIES
WOULD MERELY PERPETUATE THE PRESENT AND PAST PIECEMEAL OPERATION
OF THE FERRIES. GERMAN FERRY WILL NOT GO INTO OPERATION UNTIL
O/A JUNE 1976.

7. CDO FURTHER AGREES WITH PARA 2, REFTEL (A) PERTAINING TO THE
IMPORTANCE OF THESE FERRIES IN MAURITANIA. WITH THIS SAME
REFERENO, IT WWP ORIGINALLY ASSUMED THAT AID/W WAS WILLING TO
FUND, WHETHER THRU OSRO R DIRECT, THE COST OF THE FERRY REPAIRS.
GIRM HAS ALREADY AGREED TO UTILIZE ITS PERSONNEL IN THE REPAIR
OF THE TWO FERRIES WHEN SPARE PARTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. GIRM HAS
ALSO AGREED TO AUGMENT PRESENT MAINTENANCE STAFF IN
ORDER TO CREATE A REGULAR MAINTENANCE SYSTEM IN SUPPORT OF THE
FERRIES.

8. GIVEN THE ABOVE, THE ALTERNATIVES ARE: A. CONTINUE TO LEAVE
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FERRY OPERATION AS IS WITH NO DONOR SUPPORT, OR B. AID/W
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DIRECT FUNDING OF DOLS 42,000. HANDYSIDE

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